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NEW BAY-DELTA SCIENCE JOURNAL MAKES ONLINE DEBUT

Sacramento – A new electronic journal dedicated to Bay-Delta science and research made its online debut this week. The journal, *San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science*, will provide an electronic forum for scientific discussion and peer-reviewed research about the San Francisco Bay, the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and upstream watersheds.

The publication, available online at <http://repositories.cdlib.org/jmie/sfews>, features original research findings, reviews, techniques and comments on the science and ecology of the Bay-Delta. The goal is to make peer-reviewed research available to the broadest audience possible and provide an outlet for researchers to share their work with policymakers who need scientific information for management decisions.

“We encourage all readers to access this dynamic new forum for receiving relevant, high-quality science information,” said Managing Editor Lauren D. Buffaloe. “We especially invite regional researchers to consider publishing in this new journal.”

The journal is a collaborative project of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Science Consortium, the California Bay-Delta Authority Science Program, the California Digital Library and the University of California, Davis, and the John Muir Institute of the Environment.

California Bay-Delta Authority Director Patrick Wright hailed the new journal as a key step toward incorporating science into water management and ecosystem restoration.

“Integrating science into all aspects of the Bay-Delta Program is a major goal of the Authority,” Wright said. “This journal furthers that goal by making peer-reviewed science and research findings more readily available as we address water management and ecosystem problems in the Bay-Delta.”

San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science is an eScholarship Repository journal. The Repository (<http://repositories.cdlib.org/escholarship/>) is hosted by the California Digital Library (<http://www.cdlib.org/>). An initiative of the University of California, the CDL partners with UC campuses to apply innovative technology to managing scholarly communication.

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The California Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort of more than 20 state and federal agencies working with local communities to improve the quality and reliability of California's water supplies and revive the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem. The Bay-Delta plan is the largest, most comprehensive water management effort in the nation.